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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 30, 2000 a reply to which is due by November 30, 2000, with a two-month extension of time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel 16-30 and 38-45 without prejudice to filing a continuation application.

Please add the following new claims: